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(b) if so, the details of special incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) National Development Council has given its approval to the approach to the 11th Five Year Plan in its meeting held on 9.12.2006. The approach to the 11th Plan has recognized the special problems of the North East Region such as its geographical location, inadequacy of physical infrastructure, low level of entrepreneurship, etc.

**BPL people in Bihar and Maharashtra**

2501. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people living below poverty line in Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(b) the funds provided by Government to Bihar and Maharashtra under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana during the financial year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the incidence of poverty at national and state level from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years following the methodology contained in the Report of the Expert Group of Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor. The latest estimate of poverty is available for the year 1999-2000 based on the large sample survey of consumer expenditure data of the 55th Round of NSS. According to this, 425.64 lakh persons in undivided Bihar and 227.99 lakh persons in Maharashtra lived below the poverty line in 1999-2000.

(b) The funds provided by the Central Government to Bihar and Maharashtra under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana during the financial year 2005-06 are Rs. 671.02 crore and Rs. 60.00 crore respectively.

**Fund for water supply scheme in Kerala**

2502. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent Authority has been granted fund for water supply scheme in Kerala State under the Prime Minister Grameen Yojana Scheme (PMGY);

(b) if so, details of funds granted and the number of water supply scheme undertaken and the present status of the water supply scheme initiated under the above scheme in Kerala after the year 2000;

(c) if so, whether the Competent Authority of Kerala during August, 2006 has bought one time Central assistance for completion water supply scheme under taken under above programme;

(d) if so, whether above request would be succeeded; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) had been discontinued from the Annual Plan 2005-06. Statement I and III showing allocations and release of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the Kerala State under the Drinking Water Supply component of PMGY for 2000-01 to 2004-05 are enclosed (See below).

(c) to (e) In view of reply to (a) and (b) above, questions do not arise.

**Statement-I**

*Allocation of ACA and release in Kerala for Rural Drinking Water Supply component under PMG Y during the Annual Plan 2000-01 to 2004-05*

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl.No.	State	Year	Allocation	Release
1	Kerala	2000-01	1400.00	518.10
		2001-02	3426.00	3426.00
		2002-03	2500.00	2500.00
		2003-04	2500.00	2500.00
		2004-05	2500.00	2500.00

**Statement-II**

*Physical progress in Kerala for Rural Drinking Water Supply component under PMGY during the Annual Plan 2000-01 to 2004-05*

Sl.No.	State	Year	No. of habitations covered
1	Kerala	2000-01	99
		2001-02	91
		2002-03	111
		2003-04	5251
		2004-05	11926